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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

LANGBERG ET AL.

Examiner

DAVID J. ISABELLA

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 24, 25 and 31-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 25, 35, 39, 41 and 43 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 24, 31-34, 36-38, 40, 42 and 44-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/4/2006.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

***Request for Continued Examination***

Applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed on 3/15/2007 has been approved for entry. Accordingly, claims 1-23 remain cancelled. Claim 24 has been amended. Claims 25,35,39,41,43 remain withdrawn from consideration as being directed to non-elected subject matter. Claims 26-30,47-49 have been cancelled. Claims **24,31-34,36-38,40,42,44-46** are pending for immediate consideration.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

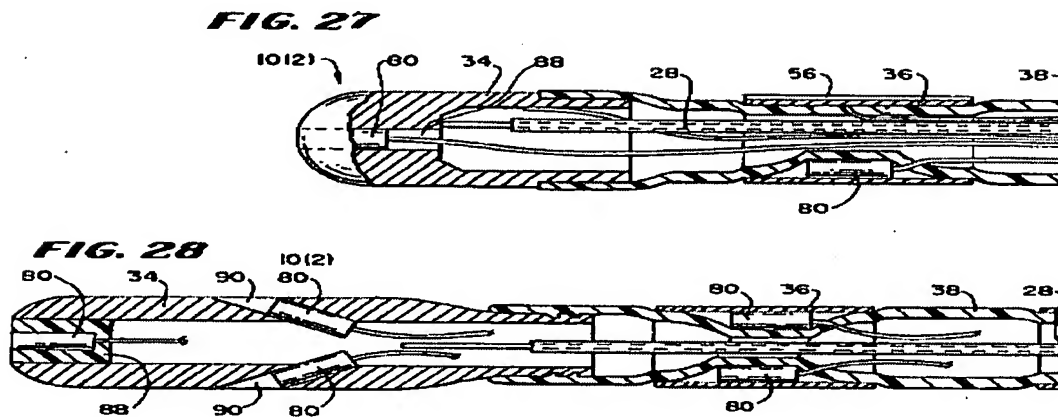
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 24,31,32,34,36,38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swanson et al [5582609].

Swanson et al discloses an apparatus comprising: an elongate body having a size capable for implantation at least partially within the coronary sinus. The elongated body having a proximal end and a distal end, movable between a first configuration for transluminal delivery to at least a portion of the coronary sinus and a second configuration; a forming element attached to the elongate body at a point of attachment for manipulating the elongate body between the first transluminal configuration and the second configuration, wherein the forming element is slidably contained within the

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elongate body between the attachment point and the proximal end; and an electrode, carried by the body. See figures 27 and 28.



The limitations as set forth in each of claims 31,32,34,36 and 38 fails to distinguish over the apparatus of Swanson, et al.

Claims 33,44 and 45 , see columns 11 –14. Note the working portion of the device has a linear dimension that is not greater than 10 cm. The diameter and the corresponding radius of curvature falls within the range as claimed by applicant.

Claim 37 see columns 7 and 8.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 40,42 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Swanson et al [5582609] as applied to claim 24 above, and further in view of Goldsteen et al [6206912].

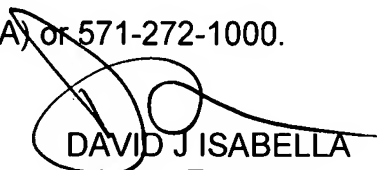
The use of anchoring means, (eg. barbs and/or increased surface tension) to maintain the catheter in proper positional placement within the in vivo tissue, is taught by Goldsteen et al. It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art to add anchoring means to the catheter of Swanson et al to ensure and maintain proper placement with respect to the targeted in vivo tissue from the teachings of Goldsteen et al.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID J. ISABELLA whose telephone number is 571-272-4749. The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CORRINE MCDERMOTT can be reached on 571-272-4754. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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